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SUBJECT: POLITICAL PRISONER (GOMEZ, JOSE ANTONIO)

1. AN ATTORNEY REPRESENTING THE U.S. RESIDENT MOTHER OF JOSE ANTONIO GOMEZ HAS INFORMED THE DEPARTMENT THAT GOMEZ, WHO WAS TO HAVE COMPLETED A SENTENCE ON DECEMBER 4 FOR ILLICIT ASSOCIATION, WAS INSTEAD TRANSFERRED WITHIN LA UNIDAD NUEVE PRISON (LA PLATA) TO PAVILION 2. THE ATTORNEY WRITES THAT PAVILION 2 "IS KNOWN AS THE DEATH PAVILION, BECAUSE SO FEW PRISONERS EVER COME OUT ALIVE."

2. AS GOMEZ' NAME DOES NOT APPEAR IN DEPARTMENT LISTS OF DETAINEES, REQUEST EMBASSY ATTEMPT TO ASCERTAIN HIS STATUS AND WHETHER CHARGES ARE PENDING AGAINST HIM. ATTORNEY SAYS MOTHER WISHES BRING GOMEZ TO THE U.S. UNDER RIGHT OF OPTION.

3. PERSONAL DATA: JOSE ANTONIO GOMEZ  
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FATHER: WASHINGTON GOMEZ  
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DPOB: FEBRUARY 17, 1958, SAN MIQUEL DE TUCUMAN  
ARRESTED: DECEMBER 4, 1974 IN TUCUMAN (NOTE: HE WAS  
ONLY 16 AT TIME OF ARREST)

4. DEPARTMENT POUCHING COPY OF LETTERS FROM ATTORNEY. VANCE

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